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bers-15 not found, and 60 who do Rev. Dr. Pritchard, in a sermon not attend the means of grace, so that not long since, advised his hearers to he could claim a working force of read the third chapter of the Epistle 125. Only sixty two per cent of the of James once a week. Suppose you church membership available-that is look at it, reader. - Christian Inder. a bad outlook, and suggests the fact that the gilded numbers of many A writer in the Presbyterian quotes church statistics should be painted from the late Dr. James W. Alexanover black. Church rolls ought to be

der as saying : "It is not good to be much conversant with error, even if the object be to refute it; it is dis- result in diminishing the sum total of turbing if not defiling." Carlyle exemplifies the figure of the

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mote and beam. After all his clam. oring for sincerity he did not succeed in securing it between himself and the one creature in the world who stood nearest to him. - Boston Transcript. We believe heartily in creeds, ex-

pressing tersely and clearly the truth whereto we have already attained," not to serve as walls for the imprisonment of free thought, free by the ordinance of God, but as bulwarks for its preservation from danger. -Pittsburg Adv.

We notice that some of our strongity of its members. est men are affirming their convictions that the smaller colleges are doing the best work. Much, we are assured, can be said in their favor. It is not the number of men one studies under, but the character of them, that goes most into man making. - Chris. Vis. o

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian savs : " Should Cardinal Manning's health allow of his doing so, he will in all probability attend one of the levees to be held by the Prince of Wales on behalf of her Majesty this season. This will be the first instance of an English Roman Catholic bishop going to Court since the Reformation.

A correspondent of the Indian Wit-"Christ, not the British Govern ness gives a touching account of a ment rules India," said the theistic Christian faquir, a widow who spends reformer of Brahminism. And where does He not rule ! Public opinion word to the women of India. She is statement of the Church's beliefs. It but once, it years ago, and from t a lady of unblemished reputation, of was a mistake to suppose that there pained to have any and remained to be a py, and remained to be a py, and remained to be a py and the py and remained to be a py and to be a py is moulded by Christian sentiment, and guarded by Christian Sundayschools and Christian pulpits. If our rare ability in her work, without pay lives were as devoted as our teaching or direction from any society. She goes about in the simple garb of a knowledge. He moved in the interis direct and constant, how much more vigorously would our Lord rule this Hindoo villager and tells the story of world. -Baltimore Meth. the Cross to thousands of her country-Our denominational colleges have women. She spends weeks, or even months, in one locality, and wherever all along struggled with debt, and she finds Christian work going on at overworked their ill-paid faculties, once joins with the workers and gives but they have all the time been sending forth streams of intellectual and them all the help she can. religious life to bless the land. No In reference to the recently pubmoney spent with a view of doing lished correspondence of Mrs. Carlyle, good has been better spent than that and of Carlyle and Emerson, John G. which has taken this direction. And Whittier is reported to have said we are just fairly at the beginning of " Carlyle seems to have had none of things in this line.-Nashrille Adr. the milk of human kindness in his veins. His letters show a side of his We know of one pastor in Ohio who, character which none of his intimate at the third weekly prayer-meeting of friends suspected. It would have every month, directs the service especially in the direction of the temperbeen better for his reputation if they had never been published. In fact so ance reform, as the first meeting of strongly have they affected myself the month is devoted to the cause of missions. Ought we not to have at that I have set to work and destroyed the major part of my correspondence, ry Methodist church in Ohio between covering a period of over fifty years, tion; and (3) whether " with a view now and next October? The oppon- lest it should be published after my ents of prohibition cannot meet us death and bring suffering to any. with this weapon; it is not found in wish that all of the letters I have written could be treated by my friends their armory .- Western Adr. in the same manner. Methodism was at one time threat. Two St. Louis school principals ened with a uniform : good men made have been tried for assault and bata desperate effort to regulate the hats, bonnets, coats and gowns; and the tery within a fortnight because of first bell, or the first spire, or the first flogging exercises, and in the last one organ, or the first sitting together the judge gave a sort of extra judicof men and women-there are people ial dissertation on corporal punishalive who remember all about it. ment and wound up thus : " Four years' experience in the adminstration There is no warrant for the uniform of criminal law convinces me that the idea. God's salvation army is not reboys who become criminals are boys gulated by an "order-book" and diswho don't get whipped, and when it is tinguished by tailoring or mantuaremembered that a large percentage making devices. -Zion's Herald. of the bolder crimes known to law is Fa her de Caily, of Newark, O., committed by youths ranging in age says that in nearly ten years in that from 14 to 20 years, the question place he has celebrated 123 marriages, arises, 1s it better to whip first or imf which 56 were mixed marriages, prison afterward ? Boys who from intancy are allowed to follow the road shifting of theological doctrine, or one of the parties being Protestant and the other Catholic. From these of their own victous inclinations go 56 cases there have resulted but three from bad to worse and unrestrained to conversions to the Catholic Church, their almost certain and ultimate white he knows of at least eight who ruin. The defendant is discharged." have become perverts or apostates \_Central Ade. 7 It is a fact beyond At one of the May meetings to the Church." question that the drain from the Caththe Bishop of Calcutta said, "I ima- of Faith itself replaced an older one, Church in this country is very gine that neither in Africa nor Amegreat, is probably increasing, and canrica, nor anywhere else, can there be hat be prevented. - N.Y. Independent. a state of things more extraordinary than there is in India. At certain " If God foreknows the day of your distances over the whole of that vast seventeenth century theology crystaldertn, way do you take so many quack area there are small knots of Euro-The day and hour are alpeans. If I were to take the map of r wis fixed, and you cannot put them of -Central Predatorian. A certain twelve Europeans here, twenty Eurorural but discreet Calvinist was on a Mississippi steamer in a race with another boat. The man of "fixed fate" was found inching towards the stern. Europeans. That is to say, take a "Why, don't you believe that the day town in Bengal, such as Dacca, you and hour are already fixed, and you "Yes, replied cuit put them off !" the believer in the decrees, "but I of all that is brought to bear upon the interproduct of the schools. Higs; but these up hove a man company interproduct charge that assault is made upon non-Christian community in India is It might be an advantage to have, if under grace, uplies the Spirit of adop- live. I hve only for other things that you. Your own hand unbars the gate prefer to be on the tail board of the thing when she bursts. Brother Richardson with the cramp would call as loudly for a little "Mountain Dew brought to bear by this means." as the rankest Arminian in the land. -Kichmond Adr.

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THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England was held in Regent-square Church, Lendon, under the moderatorship or presidency of Dr. be long remembered from the debate revised every year, even if it should on the Confession of Faith which took place on Thursday. The matter came some statistics. Truth first, figures before the Synod in the shape of overafterwards. - Christian at Work. tures or memorials from the Presby-

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An Indianapolis pastor, at a recent

love-feast, reported about 200 mem-

Mr. Spurgeon's parents recently teries of London. Birmingham, and celebrated their fiftieth wedding day. The Metropolitan Tabernacle pastor was their first child, and a golden were identical, asked the Synod "to wedding commemoration was arrangtake the relation of the Church to the ed for at his residence, including a Confession of Faith into careful congathering of children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren, to the numsideration." These overtures were ber of nearly forty. Mr. Spurgeon's faspoken to respectively by Dr. Donald ther, the Rev John Spurgeon, although Fraser, Dr. Simpson, and the Rev. retired from the pastorate, frequently George Johnston. Dr. Fraser said conducts service as a Congregational there was nothing either new or startminister, and has six brothers living. The family has for generations ling about the movement. He had past been remarkable for the longevbeen the pastor of three distinct charges in three distinct Churches, and A Boston exchange says it has it

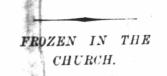
"on what seems the best authority that the average time of hearing of divorce cases in the supreme court of the Confession of Faith would have der. of Connecticut is but fifteen minutes-about the average time occuto be faced. There was no divergence pied in the entire ceremony in marfrom the doctrines which they, as rying a couple." In the presence of ministers and elders, had pledged this dreadful statement there is little room for wonder that social life is themselves solemnly to believe ; but corrupt. We heartily believe that diexception was taken to the setting of vorces ought not to be granted for those doctrines, and the aspect given other than the one scriptural cause, and that divorced persons ought not to them. A timidity arrogating to itto be allowed to re-marry.-N. W. self the character of orthodoxy ought

not to be allowed to prevent a step upon which the future growth and wellbeing of their Church might largely preaching Christ and teaching his shorter, simpler, and more compact ed me : I never heard you preach word to the women of India She is

least by its side, a simple, short, less theological, but perfectly sound statement of all that was essential in their

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Calvinism with all that was living in their new evangelism. Rev. Dr. Symington moved for the appointment of a committee to consider the advisabil-Edmond. This year's gathering will ity of revising the Confession. This was seconded by Professor Graham. Dr. White moved and Dr. Fisher seconded an amendment against "further considering the overtures." Mr. Samuel Smith, M. P. for Liverpool, told of the unwillingness of the laity Liverpool. The two former, which to sign the Confession, and thus be tied up to absolute assertions about difficult and disputable details. It was his conviction that if the Synod did not grant some relief in this direction the Church would lose the service of the more intelligent laity. After an animated debate, Dr. Symington withdrew his motion, and Dr. Dykes's was carried almost unanimously amid considerable enthusiasm, and the committee, consisting of forty-five memall the thoughtful men he had met bers, was appointed. Dr. White and with belonging to those denomina- a few others protested against the tions assured him that the question whole proceeding. - Methodist Recor-



Many a new-born Christian has frozen to death in the very lap of the Church. I was thinking along this line the other day, preparing for the pulpit on this very subject. I step-ped into a store, and at once a man whose name I did not know, address-

MISSIONARY. receive, during every moment of my life." And it is in such a world that At a recent Missionary Breakfast the creature man stands up in his sel-Meeting in London, the Rev. J. C. fishness and says "I live to please owerbutts, from the Mysorel said he myself." Yes : and that creature should like the sanction of our Mis man has been made expressly to show. sionary authorities to be given more in a higher sphere, the beauty of an ully than ever before to the Juvenile Missionary Associations, as he believ

harmony. Made to show the exceled that if they were more systematilence of obedience, the greatness of cally worked there would be no need service, made in the image of the God to use any more that dreadful word who serves all-'tis he who says, "I retrenchment." He said there was have had light. I have made a dislready a great deal of energy exerted covery ; I live to please myself." y young people in various places A Selt-pleasing is enormously difficult, ittle girl, in Ireland.called at a lady's to the self that is always seeking to be house, and asked the servant to take pleased. No difficult, in fact, as to be the book up to her mistress. She did ultimately quite impossible of realizao, and soon returned, saying that her tion. More, and yet more, must be mistress was asleep and said she could had of this, and that, until more is not not give anything. (Great laughter) to be had. The horse leech lives Now, if that answer had been given to down in the heart of self-pleasing, and him, he thought he should have gone she hath, not "two," but a thousand home again ; but the little girl said, daughters who all cry in harsh chorus. "Well, if your mistress can talk in her "Give, give." What a perdition is sleep, perhaps she can give." The serinvolved in the eternal craving of the vant went back, and the lady, perpassions ! or, as we might say, in haps feeling herself in a dilemma, sent eternal selfishness. -Alex. Raleigh. down a £1 Bank of Ireland note. (Applause). Mr. Sowerbutts went on to D. D.

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speak of India. He said it was absolutely certain that the average life of andIndian missionary did not exceed six or seven years. He had been in

generally a good deal more peaceful. ment. Religious principles apply to At the installation of the present Ma- both, and the practical precepts of the harajah, an address was presented to Bible, and rules of Church order and 🍩 him by the missionaries, to which he discipline indicate the line of Chrisreturned a cordial reply, expressing tian duty concerning them. It it be his sense of the good done by them in true that Christians must have amusethe past, and his intention to grant ments, and that the young people es the fullest toleration in the future. pecially must have the fullest toleration in the future. The position of Methodism in Mysore follow that the Church is to it was unique. The country was entire-them. Religion is the business

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## RECREATION.

The Church is no more bound to Mysore, a country of 29,000 square furnish diversions for its people than miles, nearly as large as Ireland, and it is to furnish them with employ-

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were no developments of theological ests of orthodoxy. It was an anxious and critical time for their Church.and. while it was dangerous to carry the danger in doing nothing now that the question had been started. Dr. Os-

wald Dykes then moved : "That the Synod, recognizing the gravity of the matters thus brought under its notice," and while declaring the loyalty of the Church to the doctrines contained in the Confession, appoint a special committee to consider—(1)whether any change might be made in the terms of subscriptions of elders ; (2) whether it might not be desirable to draw up an explanatory declaraable compendium of fundamental doctrine, this Church ought not to approach the General Council of the

Presbyterian Alliance to meet at Belfast next year, by memorial or otherwise, on the subject of such a digest of doctrine designed to embody that 'Consensus of the Reformed Confessions' on which the said Alliance is based ; and, finally, to report on all these points to next Synod." Dr. Dykes acknowledged that the movement might lead to serious issues, must entail some hazard, and would expose the Church to the of being misunderstood. The risk agitation did not spring from any from a want of reverence for the Confession, nor did it arise from a desire to be creedless. They desired to be in perfect accord with their creed, hence the movement. The Confession

therefore in going forward with their, movement they were moving upon the dist. lines of historical precedent. The sing around the sacred person of the how far a man may go, and yet be in a chi a late in of every mathematical er land, in deference to the nexteds vine decrees, while to-day it was mas- selves is because they do not consider and the presenting resenting resenting resenting reserves as a sufficient twelve Europeans nere, twenty huro-peans there, fifty Europeans there; God-man. New light had been thrown but the general proportion is this, that to every 10,000 natives you have ten Europeans. That is to say, take a prevailed that the Church should ut- good, attend public worship, read de with our language as this, uttered by ter more clearly the truth which had votional books ; hay, lie may have a each particular thing ... I am a chan

ber the sermon." The temark interested me, and I had him to go on. The conversation developed the following history : He had once been a member of the Church ; for several movement forward, there was greater years now he had been out. Very soon after his conversion he had a long and dangerous illness : he lay within hearing of the singing in Church on Sundays-the Church he had joined. Not one of those who had urged him to come into the Church came to see him while he was sick-a clear case of criminal carelessness : the Church had failed in her pledges of kindness to him. Soon after when he was on his feet again, he saw his class-leader. a prominent man, step into a salcon and take a drink. This second blow was too heavy for him, and threw him out. I alleged to him when I was about to leave, that at the last he must stand for himself, to which he agreed. But the case, doining so directly and unexpectedly along with my line of thought, impressed me deeply. It deepened in my mind the truthfulness of what I am now saying : The young convert expects special kindness, and kindness especially when distress of any kind deepens his sense of need. Timely kindness. I could

not rid myself of the feeling that this man might be in the Church to-day if they had shown him the kindness of brethren during his illness. I know this is a strong case, but it is along this line that Christian congregations make their failures. By their warm promises of brotherly kindness and affection they throw their doors open. Self-pleasing is of the essence bosom of its owner. Bichop Thompand invite the people in ; for want of of sin. In one form sin is just the kindness afterward, if not positive ill- enormous exaggeration of the self. It treatment. they open a back door and is the little unit trying to take itself

mouth. The king understood, and

sent to England for a good watch with a suitable inscription. This Mr. Hodson wore for many years, and, said Mr. Sowerbutts, " I am sorry to say that this watch, presented to the missionary by a heithen king, was some eighteen months ago, stel n from his thirt" - Lowlon Methodist.

SELF-PLEASING.

invite them out-and hundreds go. - out of all the relations and away be-Rer. Dr. Carroll, in Central Metho- youd the same of the laws. It is the monotone transition on a poster the harmonies. It is the plast reputating that ideas it insecting the

not in the stead of the Confession, at tion abide in his heart. - Wesley. ive. I receive and rive, and give and to the enemy.

ly in their hands The Mission had Church. Its mission is to preach the been established in 1835 by the Rev. gospel, administer the ordinances. to Thomas Hodson, and the prospect supply the means of grace, to do what was never brighter than it is to day. it can for benevolent and religious ob-He held in his hands, however, a jects, and to endeavor to bring the post-card from the Chairman of the people to Christ.

District, who said, "The income The recreation of spiritual men and this year is £200 short, and unless it women is in their religion, and not is made up, ye shall have to dismiss outside of it. Her ways are ways of some of our native teachers. In My- pleasantness. There is cheerfulness. sore, among other agents, Miss Pear- joy unspeakable, and the most delightson, of Highgate, was engaged in the ful and satisfying entertainment in Higher Education of Girls. She had them. The services of religion are overcome many difficulties, and was not a gloomy dirge, nor a perpetual penance. They are not a yoke of now reating grand results.

The Rev. Thomas Hodson, founder bondage, a cruel task, nor a repulsive of the Mission, preached more than burden. Neither is religion in oppoonce in the palace of the king, to his sition to the healthy yearnings of our great satisfaction. After a school ex- nature for that which shall entertain amination, at which the king had been and invigorate. It is in itself the sum present, he wished to show his sense of all that is wholesome to the mind of the value of the missionary's ser- and body. It is the tree of life plantvices, and sent to him to offer him his ed in the world to restore the wastchoice of the horses in the royal sta- ing energies, and to supply all the bles. Mr. Hodson, however, was a needs of the soul. It is every way and shrewd man, and replied that he powerfully recreative. There is reshould be glad of something without a creation in religion: -N. O. Ada-

Cicero says, that since life, like the fruits of the earth, must be gathered, there is something beautiful in the death of an old and good man, who is gathered to his fathers like a shock of corn ripe in its season. I have thought house at Mansfield by a Christian there was something bea@tiful, also, in the death of an infant, which is plucked like a bud before it is faded or worm-eaten, and before its fragrance ale and is wasted, to adorn and perfume the

So overwhelming are my convictions of the immediately superior importance of that hother knowledge which unseals the fourtain of Immandel's love that, somer than consent to A reason why many deceive theme and even it is mainly in the withhold it for an neur from the fam-

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nave output natives and state and state the ruth which had votional books, hay, he may cart a charge last an instrument. I am a The temptation yes toy with finds peaks. Now, that proportion exists been given. Theology to-day was a deep conviction of sin, desire to fulfil nel. I am an instrument. I am a The temptation yes toy with finds peans. Now, that proportion define been given. Incology to-day was a deep conviction of son, desire to furnished a land and believe topic of every-day life; while the Con- all righteousness have frequent rejoic- link. I am a minister. I live only in you shorn of your strongth before its fession was the product of the schools. ings; but these do not prove a man; company I live by other things that direct and final assault is made upon